

**Argyll and Bute Council**  
**Comhairle Earra Ghaidheal agus Bhoid**

**Corporate Services**  
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26 March 2010

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the **BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE** will be held in **EAGLESHAM HOUSE, MOUNTPLEASANT ROAD, ROTHESAY** on **TUESDAY, 6 APRIL 2010** at **10:00 AM**, which you are requested to attend.

Nigel Stewart  
Director of Corporate Services

## **BUSINESS**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

### **3. MINUTES**

- (a) Minute of Meeting of 2nd February 2010 (Pages 1 - 8)
- (b) Minute of Special Meeting of 16th February 2010 (Pages 9 - 10)

### **4. CUSTOMER SERVICES**

- (a) Argyll and Bute Safer Streets Project 2009-10 Evaluation Report (Pages 11 - 16)
- (b) Verbal Report on Dunoon - Gourock Ferry Service

### **5. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

- (a) Adult Care Performance
- (b) Rothesay Joint Campus Report (Pages 17 - 42)

### **6. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

## **7. DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

- (a) Savings to Discretionary Expenditure on Public Transport (Pages 43 - 52)
- (b) Report on progress of Bute & Cowal Headstones (Pages 53 - 64)
- (c) Update on Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme (Pages 65 - 66)
- (d) Footpath at Kilbride Road (Pages 67 - 68)
- (e) Scottish Water Monitoring (Pages 69 - 70)

## **BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Councillor Robert Macintyre  
Councillor Alister McAlister  
Councillor James McQueen  
Councillor Ron Simon  
Councillor Dick Walsh

Councillor Bruce Marshall (Chair)  
Councillor Alex McNaughton  
Councillor Len Scoullar (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Isobel Strong

Contact: Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager

**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,  
DUNOON  
on TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor R Simon
Councillor R Macintyre	Councillor I Strong
Councillor A McNaughton	Councillor J R Walsh
Councillor J McQueen	

**Attending:** Lynn Smillie, Area Corporate Services Manager  
Roy Alexander, Estates Surveyor  
John Duncan, Area Children's Manager  
David Eaglesham, Area Team Leader Development Control  
John Cassels, Senior Engineer  
Martin Turnbull, Area Community Learning and Regeneration Manager

Janet MacKellar, HELP Project  
Stewart Shaw, Head Teacher, Dunoon Grammar School  
Inspector Gordon Anderson, Strathclyde Police

The Committee noted that item 9 (e) on the published agenda had been withdrawn.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor L Scoullar.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. MINUTES**

**(a) MINUTE OF MEETING OF 1ST DECEMBER 2009**

The Minute of the Area Committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 was approved as a correct record.

**4. PRESENTATION ON HELP'S RECENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME**

Members heard an informative presentation by Janet MacKellar of the HELP Project on their recent employment programme. Janet MacKellar advised that the programme had been very successful and she will be running it again in the near future.

Members asked questions and agreed to work in partnership with the HELP project.

**5. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**(a) DUNOON GRAMMAR SCHOOL: STANDARDS AND QUALITY REPORT 2008-2009**

Members heard an informative presentation from Stewart Shaw, Head Teacher of Dunoon Grammar School on the major achievements of the school in 2008/09 including the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2009.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the amendment to the report Summary to delete the working Strategic Policy Committee and insert Executive Committee.
- ii. Noted the continuing improvement on the performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

(Reference: Report by the Head Teacher Dunoon Grammar School – submitted)

**6. CORPORATE SERVICES**

**(a) VERBAL REPORT ON DUNOON - GOUROCK FERRY SERVICE**

The Committee heard a verbal update from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Gourock/Dunoon Ferry Service. She advised the advert for the tendering process has been issued as first part of the process and is in line with agreed timescales.

Decision

The Committee noted the detail provided on this matter.

**(b) CRUACH MOR AND CLACHAN FLATS WIND FARM TRUSTS**

Members heard an update report from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the work of both Cruach Mhor and Clachan Flats Farm Trusts.

Decision

The Committee noted the most recent annual updates on the work of the Trusts.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 – submitted)



(c) **COMMEMORATION OF LOUIS BRAILLE**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the information regarding a recent request made to the Council to mark the bi-centenary of the birth of Louis Braille.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Agreed to a commemorative plaque being erected within the Town Centre Regeneration Project.
- ii. Agreed to a commemorative plaque being erected in Rothesay Library.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

(d) **POTENTIAL TWINNING VISIT BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM KORCULA.**

Members heard an update report from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the potential twinning visit of officials from Korcula to Bute and Cowal in August 2010.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Agreed to seek financial assistance from the Provost's fund regarding the potential visit by officials from Korcula.

(Reference: Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

(e) **BUTE AND COWAL AREA PLAN**

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the Bute and Cowal Area Plan.

Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Members noted the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme would be added to the Pyramid system.
- ii. Approved the Bute and Cowal Area Plan as outlined in the report by the Area Corporate Services Manager.
- iii. Agreed to recommend the Plan for approval by the Council in February 2010.

(Reference:- Report by the Area Corporate Services Manager – submitted)

**7. PUBLIC AND COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME**

The Committee were asked questions from Mr Moonan on the provision of solar panels on the Grammar School and received advice.

Kirsty Reid asked about Skills to Work and whether this was included within the HMIE Report and received advice from the Head Teacher and Councillor Strong.

Heather Graham asked about underachievers and if there was some help for them before they are with the HELP project and received advice from the Head Teacher.

Liz Carey, South Cowal Community Council asked about Curriculum for Excellence and timescales involved and received advice from Councillor Strong and the Head Teacher.

Councillor Marshall asked Inspector Armstrong about the Campus Officer in Dunoon Grammar School and Inspector Armstrong advised that there was a new shift pattern in the Cowal area and the Police were having discussion with the school to a solution.

Kirsty Reid asked about the Area Plan and whether the play park in Forest View would become a partnership and Councillor Marshall advised that this was an item for discussion at the Business Day.

Councillor Simon asked about young people being represented at the LACPG from the Grammar School and the Head Teacher advised that he would be happy for this to happen, Martin Turnbull also gave advice.

Anne Gabriel, Dunoon Community Council asked about the problem that had arisen at Hogmanay regarding drinking at the Jubilee Lamp and Inspector Armstrong advised that this had been a breakdown in communication and would not happen next year.

Anne Gabriel also advised the committee that she had received an email from New South Wales in Australia and Dunoon Community Council would keep the correspondence between Dunoon and Australia going.

Mr Moonan asked about the Dunoon/Gourock Ferry services and Councillor Walsh advised that the Council's position has not changed.

John Duncan spoke on the Council's obligations to Children and Adults and David Eaglesham spoke on the new Planning Legislation.

Mr Baker asked if a sign could be erected on the A815 advising cars of the entrance to Stratheck Caravan Park and Councillor Marshall said he would advise the Roads Manager.

## 8. OPERATIONAL SERVICES

### (a) UPDATE REPORT ON MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME

Members heard an update report on the status of the Milton Burn Flood Prevention Scheme

#### Decision

The Committee:-

- i. Noted the contents of the report by the Principal Engineer.
- ii. Agreed to invite the appropriate person from Morrison Supermarket to the February Business Day to discuss issues relating to the Flood Prevention Scheme.

(Reference: Report by the Principal Engineer dated 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

### (b) SCOTTISH WATER REPORT

Members heard from the Area Corporate Services Manager on the inspections of Scottish Water Sites.

#### Decision

The Committee:

- i. Noted the contents of the report.
- ii. Noted that a representative from Scottish Water would be attending the Business Meeting in February regarding the detail of the inspections and the quality of information in the bimonthly report.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Roads & Amenity Services dated 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

## 9. EXEMPT ITEMS

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

### (a) GLENDARUEL HALL

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the request by Glendaruel Hall Committee.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Executive Committee to approve the recommendation contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services and subject to consent by Scottish Government.

(Reference: Report by the Head of Legal and Protective Services dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

(b) **REPORT ON TOWARD SAILING CLUB**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the request from Toward Sailing Club.

Decision

The Committee Agreed with the recommendation contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

(c) **SALE OF GROUND AT BALLOCHGOY, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the request by Scottish & Southern Energy to acquire an area of ground at Ballochgoy.

Decision

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Corporate Service to conclude the disposal of this additional area of ground on the basis of the terms and conditions of the report.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 – submitted)

(d) **SALE OF GROUND TO SCOTTISH WATER AT 3 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the request from Scottish Water regarding the sale of land in connection with the on-going programme of works in the area.

Decision

The Committee agreed to delegate the disposals on the basis of the terms and conditions summarised within the report to the Estates Surveyor in consultation with the Chair and three local Members subject to clarification on issues raised.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 – submitted)

(e) **SALE OF LAND AT SANDHAVEN, DUNOON**

This item was withdrawn

(f) **TEAROOM, ARDENCRAIG GARDENS, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the lease of the tearoom at Arden Craig Gardens, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed with the recommendation contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

(g) **CABMAN'S REST, THE PIER, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the lease of the former Cabman's Rest, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed to continue report to undertake investigation into the issues raised by Members.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)

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**MINUTES of MEETING of BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMITTEE held in the QUEEN'S HALL,  
DUNOON  
on TUESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2010**

**Present:** Councillor B Marshall (Chair)

Councillor A MacAlister	Councillor R Simon
Councillor J McQueen	Councillor I Strong
Councillor L Scoullar	Councillor J R Walsh

**Attending:** Shirley MacLeod, Area Corporate Services Manager  
Hugh Blake, Estates Surveyor

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Macintyre and McNaughton.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**3. CORPORATE SERVICES**

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public for the following items of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**(a) CABMAN'S REST, THE PIER, ROTHESAY**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the proposed lease of the Cabman's Rest, Rothesay.

Decision

The Committee agreed with the recommendations contained in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – submitted)

**(b) SALE OF LAND AT SANDHAVEN, DUNOON**

Members heard from the Estates Surveyor on the request to acquire an area of ground at Sandhaven.

Decision

The Committee agreed to authorise the Director of Corporate Service to conclude the disposal of this ground on the basis of the terms and conditions of the report.

(Reference: Report by the Director of Corporate Services dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – submitted)



### Argyll and Bute Safer Streets Project 2009-10 Evaluation Report

Section 1: Project Details		
<b>Local authority</b>	Argyll and Bute Council	
<b>Activity Title</b>	High Visibility and Additional Policing in Argyll and Bute Towns.	
<p><b>Summary of activity.</b> The Safer Streets project funding allowed significant additional activity to be delivered in Argyll and Bute's six main town centres in Oban, Lochgilphead, Campbeltown, Dunoon, Rothesay and Helensburgh during the festive period. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre High Profile and Visible Policing to deter and tackle crime and anti social behaviour</li> <li>• Targeting Off Sales and Licensed Premises to address alcohol related disorder and violence</li> <li>• Targeting youth and adult street drinkers to tackle anti social behaviour and violence</li> <li>• Enhanced CCTV surveillance of 'hot spots' to deter and detect offenders</li> <li>• Targeting drink driving behaviour to deter and detect offenders</li> </ul> <p>The aim of these activities was to increase crime detection, discourage potential disturbances and to reassure the public and make them feel safer.</p>		
<p><b>Were there any significant changes to the work set out in the application to the Scottish Government and for which funding was agreed?</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No</b></p>		
<b>Project Start Date</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	<b>Project End Date</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2010	<b>Grant Claimed</b> £12,121
<b>Report completed by</b> Sergeant Keith Philip		<b>Designation or Job Title</b> Strathclyde Police Local Authority Liaison Officer
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### Section 2: Making a Difference

**2.1 How did this Safer Streets activity contribute to one or more of the outcomes in the [National Performance Framework](#) and any relevant local outcomes and indicators to help individuals and communities feel and be safer, by reducing alcohol-related violence and disorder?**

Additional and high visibility policing during the busy festive period contributed to a number of local outcomes to reduce alcohol related violence and disorder in our main towns. The Argyll and Bute Community Safety Strategy and Strategic Assessment 2009-2012 established priorities which are being actively addressed by Community Safety Partners. The four crimes, by type, where offending rates are numerically the highest are Breaches of the Peace, Vandalisms, Assaults (minor) and Road Traffic related offences. Many of these offences are concentrated in

the main towns within Argyll and Bute which reflects the fact that these areas are the largest population centres. Consumption of alcohol is a significant factor in relation to Breach of the Peace offences and Minor Assaults. The strategic assessment also shows that much of the violence within Argyll and Bute occurs in town centres and is closely linked to the night time economy.

The Safer Streets activity contributed towards Argyll and Bute Community Safety Partnership Priorities to:

**Ensure Neighbourhoods and Towns are Safe from Violence, Anti Social Behaviour and Disorder**

Planned Outcomes

- reduced anti social behaviour, disorder and alcohol related disorder in towns
- young people diverted from anti social behaviour, disorder and alcohol related disorder
- reduced fear of anti social behaviour and disorder

**Tackle Vandalism and Criminal Damage within Communities and Towns and Ensure the Environment is Respected and Valued**

Planned Outcomes

- reduced vandalism and criminal damage within public spaces
- improved public confidence in agencies ability to reduce and respond to criminal damage within public spaces

**Improve Road Safety and Promote Safe Driving**

Planned Outcomes

- reduced road traffic collisions
- increased awareness of road safety issues and development of responsible driving habits

These priorities contribute to outcomes in the Argyll and Bute Single Outcome Agreement and National Outcomes as follows:

Vibrant Communities – safe supportive communities with positive culture and sense of pride in the area (SOA)

National Outcome 9 – we live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger

**2.2 What did you learn from this project?**

As well as tackling offending behaviour a key focus of the Argyll and Bute Safer Streets project was improve public perception of safety and, thereby, people's confidence in the response by services. The project is viewed as a success from the quantitative data gathered as part of the evaluation. However, the full extent to which the public felt safe and were reassured is less clearly defined within the evaluation of the project. More generally, while the high visibility element of this project results in greater direct engagement with the public, from a resource perspective this is often balanced with an intelligence led problem solving approach to community safety matters. For this reason a challenge, acknowledged and addressed in other ways by Community Safety Partners, is the potential for a gap to emerge between public perceptions of what is being done to ensure personal or community safety and, on the other hand, partners' perspectives on effective ways to make people and communities safe.

### Section 3: Mainstreaming

#### 3.1 How did the project contribute to or enhance partners' mainstream services response to local needs?

The Community Safety Partnership has developed, as a mainstream response to local needs, a multi agency intelligence based problem solving approach to tackling anti social behaviour within neighbourhoods, towns and hotspot areas. Responses are based around a balanced use of Prevention, Intervention and Enforcement action.

The Safer Streets project contributed to the achievement of the Community Safety Partnership's priorities for town centres which are shaped by data from partners and the concerns of residents about personal and community safety. The relevance of these priorities was reinforced in a recent public consultation exercise by Strathclyde Police in 2009 in which consultees identified assault, violent crime and drunk and disorderly behaviour (including vandalism) as significant concerns and matters they considered to be high priorities for the police.

The activities developed as part of the Safer Streets project in Argyll and Bute, therefore, were activities that enhanced mainstream responses and core Police action plans for Policing town centres. The project by nature was a proactive and highly visible response and, therefore, also contributed to the Community Safety Partnerships reassurance strategy and in building public confidence in services.

The Safer Streets project had a positive impact on communities and the following are examples of high profile and proactive activity which contributed towards peoples safety and detection of crimes:

Effective use of Anti Social Behaviour Fixed Penalty Notices in all towns which reflects the priority given to tackling this behaviour and enabled Police to deal with a greater number of anti social behaviour offences

Attention at taxi ranks, railway stations and bus links to monitor and facilitate peaceful dispersal of patrons and minimise disruption to town centre residents

Considerable focus on road safety including additional speed, vehicle and driver checks which had a positive impact on driver behaviour. This resulted in a positive reduction in driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs with a total 10 persons charged with this offence including 3 in Dunoon and Campbeltown. In Rothesay speed checks were carried out in identified streets where there concerns about driver behaviour.

High visibility Policing in Oban at Hogmany which resulted in only one recorded disorder offence while approximately 2500 people gathered in the town to attend three large scale events.

Alcohol confiscations including four litres of alcohol confiscated from minors in Lochgilphead and an adult charged with supplying the alcohol. Eleven litres of alcohol was confiscated in Helensburgh.

High visibility foot patrols in retail areas during peak shopping times to deter retail theft, dishonesty offences and personal theft and to reassure the public

Substantial increases in visits to licensed premises in all towns

High visibility foot patrols in the streets identified within the Strategic Assessment as known hotspots for disorder and disturbance in all towns

**N.B. Appendix 1 contains a quantitative breakdown of Safer Streets project activity and offences detected by area.**

**3.2 What positive impact has activity had on mainstream services? How have you been able to identify this?**

Data has been provided by Strathclyde Police on a number of key areas of offending behaviour which demonstrates the positive impact of the planned town centre activity. For the duration of the project (6/12/09 to 3/1/10 crime figures were compared to offences committed at the same period in 2008-09 for all of Argyll and Bute area:

23% reduction in Breach of the Peace offences

13% reduction in Assaults (minor)

44% reduction in offences for driving whilst under the influence of drink or drugs

The number of Serious Assaults was reduced from 9 recorded incidents in 2008-09 to 6 recorded incidents in 2009-10

Drunk and Incapable offences remained at 5 recorded offences in both periods.

**3.3 Do you think this activity should be mainstreamed? If so, what plans are in place to enable this to happen?**

As noted at 3.1 above a key benefit of the Safer Streets project is that it allowed for considerable enhancement of core Police action plans and added to the mainstream problem solving measures by the Community Safety Partnership to prevent and tackle alcohol related disorder. The Community Safety priorities identified in section 2 are addressed on an ongoing basis but resources can be stretched when there is an increase in the number of people within town centres such as during the festive period. The Safer Street project is a welcome additional resource to establish targeted increases in capacity to prevent and tackle alcohol related offending behaviour and, thereby, make people feel safe and benefit the local economy at a key time of year for local businesses.

A level of additional funding would, ordinarily, be required in order to increase capacity for specified days at particular times of the year as similar to the methods within the Safer Streets project.

**Declaration**

**I certify that I am authorised to submit this progress report on behalf of the local authority. The information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.**

**Signature**

K Philip

**Position**

Local Authority Liaison Officer

**Name**

Sergeant Keith Philip

**Date**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Argyll and Bute  
Safer Streets Programme 2009-2010**

**High Visibility and Additional Policing in Argyll and Bute Towns**

	Rothesay	Dunoon	Oban	Campbeltown	Helensburgh	Lochgilphead	Total
<b>FIXED PENALTY NOTICES</b>							
Breach of Peace	3	6	23	8	3	3	46
Street Drinking	2	6	0	2	2	1	13
Urinating in Public	4	11	3	9	4	0	31
	Rothesay	Dunoon	Oban	Campbeltown	Helensburgh	Lochgilphead	Total
Visits to Licensed Premises	189	132	179	97	69	29	671
	Rothesay	Dunoon	Oban	Campbeltown	Helensburgh	Lochgilphead	Total
<b>STOP SEARCHES</b>							
Drugs	30	28	56	31	14	8	167
Alcohol	21	91	145	65	16	12	350
Knives	10	21	20	18	14	4	87
Offensive Weapon	17	11	10	13	11	2	64
	Rothesay	Dunoon	Oban	Campbeltown	Helensburgh	Lochgilphead	Total
Reported Cases	22	25	42	37	19	12	157
Crime Reports	18	47	67	49	34	19	234
	Rothesay	Dunoon	Oban	Campbeltown	Helensburgh	Lochgilphead	Total
Speed Checks	23	26	28	24	26	15	142

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ARGYLL &amp; BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE AND COWAL AREA  
COMMITTEE

CORPORATE SERVICES

6 APRIL 2010

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**ROTHESAY JOINT CAMPUS: ACHIEVEMENT REPORT 2009****1. SUMMARY**

A report on the performance of all Argyll and Bute pupils in the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA) examination results was presented to the Strategic Policy Committee on the 19 November 2009.

This report, presented by the Principal, Ms Wendy Brownlie, outlines the major achievements of the school in 2008/9 and includes the SQA examination results for pupils who sat examinations in May/June 2009. The results are based on pre-appeal data.

**2.RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Area Committee are asked to note the strong performance of pupils and the commitment of staff in their examination successes and in the wider aspects of achievement across the school.

**3. DETAILS**

The details are included in the attached report from the school.

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Policy:</b>	None
<b>Financial:</b>	None
<b>Personnel:</b>	None
<b>Equal Opportunities:</b>	None

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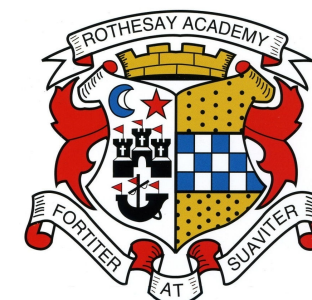


# Rothesay Joint Campus

## One Community, One Campus, One School



**Area Committee 2009-2010**



# Rothesay Joint Campus



Session 2008/2009 was another successful year for Rothesay Joint Campus. The Campus continued on the journey to become:

## **One Community, One Campus, One School**

in which each individual has respect and support from fellow pupils, staff, parents and the community where their strengths and aspirations are encouraged and their achievements recognised.

We moved into our new leadership structure which is ensuring that we in Rothesay Joint Campus are well placed to implement the principles and aspirations of Curriculum for Excellence and deliver a seamless 3-18 curriculum which is more effectively meeting the needs of all of our young people in one Community, one Campus, one School.

As schools on Bute we have agreed 4 priorities for 2009/2012, these are:

- redesigning the curriculum
  - embedding AifL, co-operative learning and active learning
  - undertake training in Coaching and Mentoring techniques in order to more effectively support pupils
  - developing inter-disciplinary learning
- these priorities are reflecting in our improvement plan.

For session 2009/2010 we have also agreed 4 Campus priorities, these are:

- development of literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing strategies across Campus
- introduce staff across Campus to GLOW and it's use as a teaching and learning tool
- develop a seamless support system from 3-18 building on existing good practice
- Develop plan to ensure that learners across Campus will receive sufficient, meaningful time to discuss progress and needs with a mentor



# Rothesay Primary School And Pre-5 Centre



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## SCHOOL VALUES AND AIMS

***In Rothesay Primary School we aim to become successful learners by working hard, setting personal targets, behaving well and through having fun.***

***In Rothesay Primary we aim to become confident individuals by working through challenging but appropriate targets, valuing all achievements and through mutual respect within partnerships and friendships.***

***In Rothesay Primary School we aim to become responsible citizens by considering our actions, manners and general behaviour. We encourage membership of the Eco Committee, Pupil Council, Junior Road Safety Officers and Health Group and respect each other in our roles as well as having respect for our school and property and for our community. We expect everyone to be on time, to be a positive member of our team and to have respect for everyone within that team.***

***In Rothesay Primary School we aim to become effective contributors by encouraging teamwork, personal commitment, positive communication and the promotion of eco and health issues.***

***In Rothesay Primary School we aim to forge a close partnership with parents and all stakeholders.***



## **Evaluation of Primary Improvement Plan 2008/09**

### **Raising Attainment**

Forward planning reflects grouping in relation to National Assessment results. Monitoring of Forward Planning, 5-14 results and Classroom Observation focuses clearly on individual pupils and attainment groups. To support the more able new resources have been purchased. Co-operative working and Assessment is for Learning strategies naturally support the more able and encourage them to work both independently and as part of a group. Improved homework tasks also encourage the more able.

The development of ICT is ongoing. Glow is now available and some staff have undertaken training which will equip them with the skills to support other staff members in the implementation of Glow.

Personal Learning Planning remains on our improvement agenda. Early years staff are developing a 'Learning Journal' which will go from Pre-5 to Primary. The Coaching and Mentoring Improvement Priority for next session will fully support Personal Learning Planning.

Pre-5, P1 and 2 are now established as the 'Early Years'. There has been a closer relationship between these stages. Planning is shared and will be passed on from Pre-5. Active Learning has developed well and pupils now experience regular opportunities to become fully engaged in their learning.

### **Promoting Positive Behaviour**

All staff have engaged in 'Assertive Discipline' Training. School rules have been revisited with all pupils and there has been a marked improvement in the behaviour around the school. Staff, pupils and parents have been consulted and the Promoting Positive Behaviour policy has been updated. The policy is available on our web site and copies are available in school.

Peer mediators have been trained and are actively working in the playground during breaks and lunchtimes. Playground Buddies from Primary 6 will be trained and will begin supporting playtimes next session.

Cool in School....PaTHs materials to be developed through support from Maureen Fairgrieve.

### **Curriculum Development**

Members of teaching staff are involved in various working parties which are supporting the implementation of Literacy, Maths and Health and Well-being. Other staff members are involved in developing Active Learning, Outdoor Learning and Interdisciplinary Topics.

Planning is being developed using the new outcomes, particularly in maths and language. Class topics are developed using interdisciplinary planning. Pupils are involved in planning through mind mapping and Big Book Planning. Pre-5 pupils use Plan, Do and Review.

Aspects of Curriculum for Excellence have been introduced to parents through newsletters, parental workshops and the Parent Zone at parents' nights.

Lorna Morss has been working as a transition teacher this session. She has considered ways in which we can improve practice with particular reference to Language and Literacy Primary 5-7. Secondary teachers from French, Maths, Art and Music have been working in the Primary, developing links and ensuring a smoother transition from primary into secondary. Senior pupils are confident about the impending move to the Academy and parents also seem less concerned.

### Taking Methodology into Every Classroom

Members of teaching staff have been visiting other classrooms, observing Co-operative Learning lessons. Senior management have undertaken class observations, focusing on Co-operative Learning and Assessment is for Learning (Aifl). All teaching staff are now trained in Co-operative Learning.

We will have a new AiFL Teacher Learning Community where good practice and new ideas will be shared on a regular basis. An activity during an in-service day involved both primary and academy teachers volunteering to teach a co-operative learning lesson as an example of good practice.

Co-operative working is common-place in Rothesay Primary and pupils are obviously familiar with this way of working. All pupils engage at a higher level in co-operative lessons, promoting teamwork. All pupils are accessing better quality teaching and learning.

Continuing to embed Aifl, Co-operative Learning and Active Learning will be undertaken within the next Improvement Plan.

### Active Learning

Small classes in Primary 1 have given pupils an excellent start. Pupils have made very good progress and work actively throughout the day. Primary 2 and 2/3 have worked closely together, particularly the P2s. Pre-5 are now a permanent feature within the Primary bottom corridor, with the door now open. Numbers in the Pre-5 have been increased to 24 both morning and afternoon. Downstairs classes and the Pre-5 are now referred to as Early Years and planning is becoming more in line with each other.

Staff attended a twilight training session with Lesley Brown (HMIe). Together we considered the implications for Active Learning, not only in the Early Years but also with Primary 4-7. This was a successful session which encouraged staff to appreciate how well we are doing and how we can improve.

Outdoor Learning is being built in to interdisciplinary planning and pupils working in the school garden is now common place. Pupils are actively involved in the development of the school grounds: taking responsibility for planting seeds, watering the garden, managing the compost and keeping the areas litter free. Pupils have a pride in their school. Parents support aspects of the work in the garden and any vegetables grown are used by the school kitchen.

## National Assessment Results June 2009

Stage	Level	Reading %	Writing %	Mathematics %
P3	A	88	100	100
P4	B	83	86	94
P6	C	90	86	90
P7	D	84	76	86

This table reflects the expected levels, however more able pupils are assessed at the appropriate level when they are ready. This is reflected in the following figures:

**across all stages early pass rates are**  
**49% Reading**  
**38% Writing**  
**58% Mathematics**





## Wider Achievement Celebrated at Rothesay Primary School and Pre-5 Centre

- In Rothesay Primary wider achievements are celebrated regularly during assemblies, within newsletters and the local press and by the presentation of certificates and awards.
- Parents are kept fully informed of all achievements and we actively encourage all stakeholders to celebrate in any successes.



- Sport plays an important part in school life and our pupils have been involved in a variety of events. Rothesay Primary was represented at the Inverclyde Cross Country finals by a group of Primary 7s. Primary 7s also took part in Street Dancing workshops, distance swim and our annual Triathlon. Football tournaments were organised for pupils from Primary 3 to Primary 6. There were two Shinty tournaments, which involved pupils from Primary 4-7 who attend our weekly Shinty after-school club. Pre-5 pupils completed a mini-kickers course, which they enjoyed immensely. Primary 5 undertook a similar course at their own level.

- The Eco committee continue to support the school to develop sustainability. Activities included the development of our school garden in partnership with the Beechgrove Garden, running a stall at the Mount Stuart Christmas Fayre selling eco products, such as our own home grown Chilli Jam, Recycled Christmas tags, Christmas Candle Pots, mirrors, First Foot Shortbread and Corsages made from our old, boiled up, jumpers. The Eco committee were invited to visit the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh by David Stewart, MSP, to discuss issues of sustainability after we completed an environmental questionnaire for the minister. The school created a banner for the Marine Awareness Day and a group of pupils attended this day at the Pavilion. Primary 1 worked with Jessica Herriot, making recycled bird feeders, whilst engaging in the Big Bird Watch. We celebrated when £20,000 of solar panels were successfully installed on the campus roof. We can now record how much electricity we are saving. We continue to develop our Global Partnership with Malawi; educating pupils about the country, corresponding with children and teachers there and raising money to support our partner village. Jack McConnell and David Hayman confirmed the importance of this partnership as leading the way in Scotland at a recent visit to the campus.



- The Arts are celebrated regularly by pupils of all ages. Primary 6 pupils were learning poems, Off by Heart, for the BBC programme of the same name with one of our pupils performing in the national finals. After school clubs have included guitar club, art club, chanter and film-making. We have had storytellers, Celtic Yarn Spinners, famous authors and a poet working with our pupils. The Scottish Opera worked with our Primary 4 & 5 pupils culminating in a spectacular performance, one, which the pupils, staff and parents thoroughly enjoyed. Artists working with pupils created mosaics and also artwork, which was shared across the authority.



- The Christmas Pantomime, Jack, celebrated the exceptional talent of staff and pupils. This production was based on teamwork and engagement with the local community. The Primary 7 Talent Show and Deal or No Deal evening, run by the PTA, was an enjoyable family event. Annual events such as our Hallowe'en and Valentine discos were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Our end of session whole school concert celebrated Scottish culture in our Homecoming Year – another success, which was enjoyed by everyone.



Rothesay Primary School present the Pantomime Jack the Musical. Rothesay Academy School Band, underlining the benefits of a 3-18 Joint Campus, accompanied the cast.

- Supporting charity continues to be important in Rothesay Primary. In partnership with the Academy and on our own we have raised money for the following charities: Spirit Aid, RNLI, Comic Relief, Children in Need, the British Heart Foundation and Breast Cancer. Talk like a Pirate Day was great fun. This session, as a joint campus, we have raised over £5000 for Spirit Aid. Pre-5 raised money for Kidney Research through their annual Christmas Sing-a-Long.



- Rothesay Primary and Pre-5 Centre strive to ensure our pupils are Effective Contributors within the school and local community. Pupils have membership on our Eco Committee, some are Junior Road Safety Officers, some Peer Mediators or Playground Buddies as well as Litter Managers to name but a few. Some pupils have established their own clubs for Lego, Dance and even our Eco Swap Shop. It is important that our young people are valued and feel confident.



Primary 2 and 3 start a library exchange programme called 'Teddies at Beddies'. Parent volunteers ensure that books are exchanged. Pupils (and their parents and carers) have to ensure that their teddy gets a story every week.

- The launch of our website was a huge achievement and this could not have happened without the support of our Parent Council. The website is now being updated regularly and keeps everyone fully informed. ([www.rothesayprimary.org](http://www.rothesayprimary.org))
- Annual events like the Primary 7 Burns Supper, World Book Day, PTA discos, P6 Cycling Proficiency, P7 Easter Service and P1 Nativity Play, Carol Concert and Teddies at Beddies took place. Pupils entered competitions in Road Safety, Speech Making, Fuchsia Society and Robert Burns.



When musical instruments from a catalogue proved too expensive we approached Argyll College. In partnership with the college and some of their woodwork students we are making our own instruments and learning lots of new skills along the way.





- Staff has also celebrated many achievements.

This session two probationer teachers successfully completed the year. Two Post Graduate Education Students have completed successful placements in Pre-5 and Primary 4/5. Five Child Care students have had successful placements within stages at the Early Years. Two members of the support team have begun studying for the Professional Development Award (PDA). Five staff members are presently completing a course at Argyll College making musical instruments for our playground. Staff are also being trained as GLOW mentors who will be able to help the school take forward the new Scottish Digital Network.

- Parents play an extremely important part in Rothesay Primary School. During the April Parent's Evening parents completed questionnaires. Part of the questionnaire asked for volunteers to work with us in school. The response was amazing and we now have a raft of available volunteers. The Parent Council continues to work closely with staff, ensuring the best opportunities for all pupils. The PTA have organised a selection of events to raise money to buy additional resources and support theatre and author visits. Events such as a St Andrew's Night (a shared event with the Academy's Parent Council), Hallowe'en and Valentine Discos, Christmas Pantomime and Deal or No Deal/Talent Show have enabled the PTA to buy a set of gymnastic benches, Hopscotch Theatre visits and ICT equipment to support the making of our own CDs and DVDs. An approximate spend of £4500 has been raised so far this session. Pre-5 parents have become involved in a Planning Group that will help the school to self-evaluate performance and plan new developments.

Trips to Kelvingrove, the Science Centre, the People's Palace, The Scottish Parliament Building, Mount Stuart, Butterfly World all enhanced our children's education and are supported by parents.

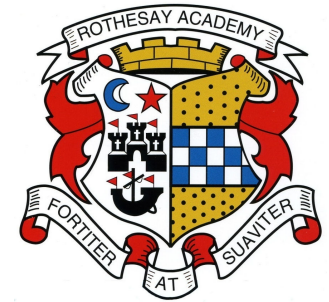


This session the Parent Council began to run a Parent Zone at our Parents Nights. This was a drop in area where parents could browse recent publications, talk to professionals including the school nurse and the members of the Area Network Support Team and try out software with their children that they could purchase for use at home.

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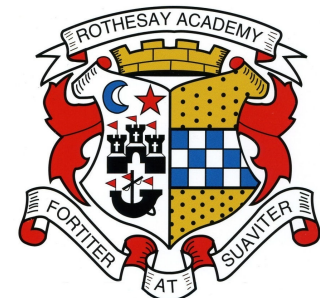
## SCHOOL VISION, VALUES AND AIMS



Our school embraces the values of our nation – wisdom, justice, compassion and integrity.

We see our school as a learning community where each individual has respect and support from fellow pupils, staff, parents and the community where their strengths and aspirations are encouraged and their achievements recognised.

We aim to uphold these values and our vision of the school through quality learning experiences in a well maintained environment where young people will learn for the future with staff who are fair, encouraging and promote positive interactions through reward and positive feedback. We will ensure good communication throughout the school and with the community as a whole.





## **Evaluation of Secondary Improvement Plan 2008/09**

### Trialling and Evaluating Draft National Outcomes and experiences

All departments became familiar with the draft outcomes and experiences and trialled some of these. The decision was made not to significantly alter courses until the outcomes and experiences were finalised. This is now a priority for 2009-2010 improvement plan for all departments.

All staff have participated in reading and discussion around literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Staff understand that these areas permeate the curriculum and as such are the responsibility of all staff to develop. Three Campus wide working groups are developing strategies in consultation with Campus staff.

### Embed ICT in learning and teaching

All departments have continued to develop the use of different ICT resources such as Boardworks, Powerpoint, Activote, Promethean and self-generated resources. Within departments there is regular sharing of resources and ideas. Use of ICT has improved learning and motivation.

Departments are now integrating the trialled resources into the Programmes of Study. GLOW is now available and a core group of staff trained. Developing staff confidence and skill in use of GLOW is a priority for next session.

### Health Promotion

Continued commitment to healthy eating, breakfast Club and after school activities as well as a redesigned PSHE curriculum ensured the school secured level 3 status as a Health Promoting School

### Embed AiFL

Classroom observations by the Senior Leadership team and Principal Teachers have shown an increase in the use of effective formative assessment. There is a requirement to provide refresher courses and training in this area though 15 staff have signed up to join Teacher Learning Communities to further develop their practice in this area.

Peer marking is in evidence throughout a number of departments. Sharing learning intentions in evidence at times as is the sharing of success criteria. Pupil progress is continually monitored through folio, jotters, reports, departmental meetings.

Co-op learning is in evidence throughout departments. Sharing of good practice is in evidence at all departmental meetings.

The very nature of this target makes it on-going and in order to embed these concepts further it is a priority again next session.

### Ongoing Raising of attainment

There are a wider range of certificate courses on offer to ensure pupils are able to select courses in which they can succeed and have enjoyment.

There was rigorous analysis of results by the Senior Leadership Team and within departments and actions and strategies were identified that we believe will secure improvement.

Senior Leadership Team acted as mentors for identified S5 pupils. Classroom observations identified good practice and opened up dialogue on where improvements can be made. Attendance was closely monitored and proactive action taking, securing an improvement in overall attendance for the year.

There was an emphasis on supporting pupils to develop effective study habits.

Guidance and House staff continued to be proactive in setting targets with pupils and parents and monitoring progress.

### Self Evaluation

All departments have trialled a range of self evaluation activities throughout the session. As a result departments have now created self evaluation calendars that reflect the needs of their subject(s) and allow them to gather evidence which is meaningful and can be used to support improvement.



## Attainment

### SQA Results 2008

The percentages of pupils gaining the National Qualifications shown were as follows:-

	School	Argyll & Bute	Scotland
	%	%	%
In S4 5+ Level 3 (SG foundation)	89	89	88
5+ Level 4 (SG general)	71	78	74
5+ Level 5 (SG Credit)	21	34	33
In S5 1+ Level 6 (Higher)	34	45	40
3+ Level 6 (Higher)	18	23	23
5+ Level 6 (Higher)	4	8	10
In S6 1+Level 6 (Higher)	27	38	33
3+ Level 6 (Higher)	8	15	14
1+Level 7 (advanced Higher)	6	16	13

In addition the cumulative successes of pupils by the end of S6 i.e. an addition of all successes achieved in S4, S5 and S6 shows a gain at all levels.

	School	Argyll & Bute	Scotland
	%	%	%
5+Level 3	97	97	91
5+Level 4	79	86	78
5+ level 5	50	54	48
1+ Level 6	43	51	44
3+ Level 6	25	35	31
5+ Level 6	15	23	20
1+ Level 7	6	16	13



## Key Features

At Standard Grade improvements in Credit level awards include:

Administration up from 35% to 56%

Home Economics up from 9% to 40%

Computing Studies up from 30% to 46%

Craft and Design achieved 80% Credit awards

PE also maintained a strong performance with 22% of pupils presented achieving Grade 1 Credit awards (up from 18%)

At Higher the following are particularly notable:

Business Management – 88% pass rate, 75% achieving passes at A/B

English A/B passes up from 22% to 47%

PE – 100% pass rate, 71% at A/B

At Intermediate 2:

Woodworking – 100% pass rate, all at A/B

Hospitality – 77% of pupils presented achieved an A (up from 58%), with 95% achieving either A or B

**A number of pupils opt to take a Skills for Work course, offered in partnership with Argyll College. A total of 21 awards were achieved in these courses, a number which is set to rise as a result of our continued expansion of these courses. These qualifications are not included in our results analysis**

Our first cohort of pupils undertaking the Prince's Trust xl course achieved their awards in June, one at Gold. The regional organiser was so impressed with our pupils that two of them were put forward for the Academic Achiever of the Year award. **Both pupils reached the final, giving Rothesay Academy 2 out of 3 finalists, one of whom won.**

We continue to support pupils of all ability levels, through our Support Department and by monitoring progress towards attainment targets.

All departments have reviewed results with the senior leadership team and agreed points for action as appropriate. Departments are also working to detailed self evaluation calendars, on both a whole school and departmental basis, in order to ensure continued improvements in teaching and learning. We continue our drive to increase pupil engagement, for example through and a plan to train all staff in coaching and mentoring to enable them to have effective conversations with pupil regarding academic and social targets, the use of cooperative learning approaches and interactive whiteboards, as well as offering supported study in the approach to SQA examinations.

## Wider Achievement Celebrated at Rothesay Academy

### History

- In September our School Captains had the opportunity to visit the worlds largest WWII concentration camps, Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland. On their return they delivered an emotional presentation at our Remembrance Service which had impact on the whole school community. They also wrote an article for the Buteman based on their submission to the Lessons from Auschwitz Project. Their submission was so well received that they were asked to speak at a conference attended by the First Minister.
- Fourth Year History pupils this year worked with Primary 7 pupils to teach them about WWI before both sets of pupils visited Glasgow to see a theatre performance.



### School Of Ambition

Pupils have attended School of Ambition Conferences this year to show others the work funded by the project. For 2008/2009 this has included: ongoing support for the breakfast club, continued support for the under 15 football team, purchase of three competition trampolines, new digital cameras, computers, frames for artwork, a mental health worker and development of our own pupil leadership programme to mention but a few!

### Study Skills and Pupil Support

- Pupils from S1-S6 again received additional study skill support with visits from Live'n Learn and Tree of Knowledge. These groups shared with pupils strategies to make them more effective learners and help them plan out their time.
- Sixth Year pupils were again invited for mock interviews with local business men from Rotary. A large number of pupils took up this opportunity. Business men from Rotary were very impressed at the calibre of our pupils.

### Home Economics and Hospitality

- Professional Chefs from the Hilton again visited. They showed pupils the wide range of ingredients they use to prepare dishes and how to make the most of them. Pupils then had the opportunity to taste dishes which included lobster and a range of exotic vegetables.
- This year saw the school obtain level three in Health Promotion.
- Once again almost all second year pupils achieved their food hygiene certificates making them very popular with local restaurants and hotels for summer and part time employment as well as leaving them well placed to continue to study within the department at for an SQA qualification.



### Mathematics

- Some were bamboozled, some mystified while others were just plain puzzled, but everyone was entertained by Kjartan Poskitt, the author of murderous maths, when he visited Campus in September. Pupils were treated to a show all about the magic of maths
- Brian Logan, a member of the SQA team and author of several maths text books spoke to fourth year pupils about how to improve their exam performance.





### Music and Bands

- Our Swing Band supported the Primary Panto “Jack” by playing all of the supporting music
- During the Jazz Weekend the Swing Band marked the official opening at the Patron Reception in the Winter Gardens where they were filmed by BBC Alba. The following day they welcomed visitors to the island by playing on the ferry. The highlight of their weekend was a performance at the Pavilion on the Saturday where they played to the largest audience of the festival
- The concert Band performed at a Joint Campus Carol Concert as well as at our Christmas, Easter and Remembrance Services
- The Argyll and Bute Concert Band performed on Campus, with no fewer than six Rothesay Academy pupils performing.
- In June the Swing Band undertook a 6 day tour which saw them perform in Oban, Mull and Iona to pupils and local communities.
- Standard Grade and Higher pupils attended a Royal Scottish

### WWII Interdisciplinary Study

The start of June saw Primary and Secondary staff work together to plan and deliver a WWII interdisciplinary study in which the pupils learned a great deal about the home front and in particular rationing. Primary 7 and First Year pupils spent a week working together with a range of staff from Primary, History, Technical, Home Economics and music. The week culminated in a street party with dancing to the swing band, drill, lunches of the day, an Anderson shelter, traditional Games and other fun.





### Art and Design



- The art department took Higher pupils to the Botanic Gardens in Glasgow to seek inspiration for their Higher Design Units.
- Professional Photographer Colin McPherson worked with third year pupils, supporting them to take pictures of their environment from a variety of perspectives as part of the Argyll and Bute Rhapsody programme.

### AIR

Academy Internet Radio was launched this session. Programmes have included coverage of events in school, interviews and music.

### Library

- The Careers Library in our Learning Resource Centre has received a face lift to ensure pupils have access to modern, high quality careers literature
- The school again participated in the Royal Mail Book awards
- Visits from both fiction and nonfiction authors have been well received by pupils

### Pupil Social Events

- Once again the School and House Captains arranged a fantastic Christmas Ceilidh for the whole school in the Pavilion. It was a tremendous evening attended by more than 300 pupils who danced the night away with great skill and passion. This highlighted the strength of teaching within the PE department to motivate so many youngsters to enjoy such an evening.
- A group of pupils, supported by the music department organised a talent show. The acts, including bands and soloists once again served to highlight the talent that exists within our school and there was also a guest appearance from some less than talented staff.
- A group of third and fourth year pupils travelled to Valle d'Aosta in Italy to ski and snowboard on Pila. The trip was a huge success.
- This year Senior Pupils organised a leavers Ceilidh which was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Pupils organised a quiz in which teams were made up of four people with a maximum of one adult. This was a closely contested event and a fun evening.



## Kitchen and Garden

- Our outstanding kitchen staff once again surpassed themselves by earning the Eat Safe Award, the first to be awarded in Cowal and Bute.
- We continue to work in partnership with the kitchen, providing produce from our school garden with a distance of 197 food steps.
- We have developed a new partnership with Eat Bute who are now supporting our Rural Skills for Work courses using their own and the Campus garden as the focus for skills development.
- In June we held two open days in our garden to raise funds. Pupils sold plants, burgers, tea and coffee

## Working in Associate Schools

Senior pupils seized a range of opportunities to work in our associated primaries. These opportunities have included reading to younger pupils on World Book Day, coaching football and planning a local interest trail for youngsters to follow.



## Charity

- This year the Campus has raised almost £5000 for our designated charity Spirit Aid. This money was raised through a series of events organised by our Spirit Aid Committee and school Captains.
- Jack McConnell was so inspired by the work of Rothesay Joint Campus to support Spirit Aid that he visited the Campus.
- A group of fourth year pupils raised £800 for Comic Relief with an event that included a coffee morning, raffle, face painting, palm reading and fancy dress.





### Global Partnerships

Our Global partnership group has been working tirelessly to twin our school with schools in Malawi and Finland. A variety of programmes are planned and we hope to be able to take a group to Malawi to visit our twin school and our Spirit Aid Soup Kitchen.

### Youth Worker

- Under the guiding eye of our Youth Worker a group of budding young reporters have written a monthly column in the Buteman, reporting on life around school
- Ailsa has also introduced to the school Youth Achievement Awards which give youngsters recognition for volunteering and working with others in their community



### Sports and PE

- The purchase of trampolines through School of
- Ailsa has also introduced to the school Youth Achievement
- First and Second Year pupils travelled to Oban to take part in the Youth Games
- In November a large group of Primary and Secondary Pupils participated in the Inverclyde Cross Country Competition
- A trip to Inverclyde Schools Athletic Championships saw us winning 7 silver and 4 bronze medals
- A third year football team travelled to Oban to compete in an Argyll and Bute tournament, coming third
- The department this year offered level 1 coaching qualifications in football, badminton, shinty and basketball to senior pupils.



### Feast of Talent

This was a highly successful venture involving pupils from Hospitality, Music and Art displaying their talent to a large audience of parents, guests and staff. Work from pupils within the Art Department greeted

guests who were invited to browse the gallery, hospitality pupils created and served an amazing sit down two course meal whilst pupils from our music department show cased their talents after dinner.



### Prize Giving

The school year was brought to a close with a new look prize giving in the Pavilion which was attended by over 800 people. The prize categories were altered as a result of feedback from staff, pupils and parents, to ensure they are meaningful and valued. The guest speaker was Ashleigh Lilley, a former pupil who went on to star in Mama Mia. Ashleigh gave a very well received speech about the importance of looking beyond what is right in front of you and not always playing things safe as she believes safe is underrated. She urged pupils to work hard at school and to follow their dreams.





ARGYLL and BUTE COUNCIL

BUTE and COWAL AREA  
COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

6 APRIL 2010

**DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURE on PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES  
(FORMERLY RURAL TRANSPORT GRANT) 2010-11****1. SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek member's approval to reduce discretionary expenditure on experimental bus services as required by the budget set by the Council at their meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that members authorise termination or reduction of the experimental initiatives and services listed in Section 4 and continuation of those listed in Section 5.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Council budget requires a reduction of £70,000 in the level of discretionary funding available for experimental public transport services provided previously through the Rural Transport Grant. This sum is the overall saving to be achieved and will be shared as equitably as possible over Council areas (with the exception of Helensburgh and Lomond which falls within the SPT area). It should be noted that it was not always possible to allocate Rural Transport Grant funding equally between each area due to the fact that some areas were already well served by public transport. This created fewer opportunities to introduce experimental services or enhancements to existing services in some areas.

3.2 This paper is presented to each Area Committee at the first opportunity following setting of the budget. There is no alternative to producing the level of saving required other than withdrawing or reducing services which were originally introduced as a result of the existence of Rural Transport Grant. It should be noted that owing to the tight timescale and the need to give as much notice as possible, the savings will have to be achieved over nine or ten months instead of over whole financial year. Accordingly, it is unlikely that service reductions will be able to take effect until mid June or early July 2010.

3.3 An appendix at the end of the paper gives basic information on the performance of each initiative.

**4. EXPERIMENTAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES in BUTE and COWAL  
RECOMMENDED for REDUCTION or WITHDRAWAL**

**4.1 SERVICE:** Dunoon – Carrick Castle, Service 484  
**CONTRACTOR:** West Coast Motors  
**DESCRIPTION:** Improvements to the Saturday and non school day service.

**COST:** £34,049.38 for 2009-10 but proposing to cut to £22,003.43 saving £12,045.95

**COMMENCED:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2004

**COMMENTS:** Prior to the introduction of this enhancement the bus service between Dunoon – Lochgoilhead and Carrick Castle was three journeys per day on school days only. There was no Saturday service and when schools were on holiday the service consisted of only one return journey on a Monday and Friday. A report by the National Park authority identified a need for improvements to this service. The improvement produced a consistent timetable of three journeys per day Monday to Saturday.

During school holidays and on Saturdays it is proposed to withdraw the first journey, the most lightly used of the three journeys, and leave the remaining two which will still provide opportunities for return journeys to Dunoon from Carrick Castle and Lochgoilhead. In a sample of journeys during the school summer holidays last year the service carried 1,564 passengers of whom 17.8% boarded between Carrick Castle, Lochgoilhead and Hell's Glen Road, this being the exclusive portion of the route. The overall subsidy per passenger for that period was £6.72 but if it is assumed that those between St Catherines and Dunoon have the choice of the Inveraray service, the subsidy for the exclusive section of the route rises to £37.64 per passenger. There would be no change to the service on schooldays but on school holidays and Saturdays there would only be two buses a day instead of three. Leave Carrick Castle 1200 and 1720 and leave Dunoon 1020 and 1550. The journeys to be withdrawn leave Carrick Castle 0820 and Dunoon 0655.

**4.2 SERVICE:** **Cowal Dial-a-Bus**

**CONTRACTOR:** West Coast Motors

**DESCRIPTION:** Withdrawal of Saturday service apart from monthly Greenock trip

**COST:** Saving £3,116.40 per annum

**COMMENCED:** Additional Wednesday service introduced 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007

**COMMENTS:** The addition of Wednesdays to the Dial-a-Bus schedule brought the service up to a four day a week operation. The service only operated two days per week when the Council assumed responsibility for it in 1997.

However, an analysis of the usage shows that, with the exception of the once a month shopping trip to Greenock, usage of the service on a Saturday is minimal. If the Greenock figure is removed, the average number of passengers is only four (e.g. two individuals each making a return trip). In fact, at the turn of the year and excluding the Greenock days which are always well subscribed, the service was not required for five Saturdays in succession. The contractor still has to be paid even if the service does not operate. The figure shown was based on the costs for the additional Wednesday journey, £77.91 per day.

**4.3 SERVICE:** **Interloch Transport**

**CONTRACTOR:** Interloch Transport

**DESCRIPTION:** Assistance with the cost of maintaining vehicles.

**COST:** £3,000 reduced to £1,000 saving £2,000  
**COMMENCED:** 2007-08  
**COMMENTS:** In offering local authorities a Rural Transport Grant allocation the Scottish Government encouraged authorities to fund community transport where it may be more sustainable in the long term as against conventional bus services.

Funding for the Cowal Deserve project ended in June 2007. The project has however been awarded Rural Communities Transport Initiative Funding from April 2007 for three years and is now known as Interloch Transport. The project continues to deliver transport services to Cowal residents who have difficulty accessing services due to age or disability. The project has over 320 registered clients. The funding is used to carry out the safety inspections, hydraulic lift inspections and pre-MOT inspections on the Interloch Transport vehicles. Argyll and Bute Council's Fleet Services carry out the work. However, the full amount allocated has never been required and it is felt that £1,000 will be adequate based on the past two year's inspections.

**4.4 SERVICE: Bute Bus Sunday Bus Services, Service 493**  
**CONTRACTOR:** West Coast Motors  
**DESCRIPTION:** Improvement to the Sunday bus service on Bute  
**COMMENCED:** 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009  
**COST** £12,870.60 reducing by an estimated £6,435.30 if reduced to one shift during the winter.  
**COMMENTS:** This improvement came about following a tender option from West Coast Motors when they won the contract to continue to provide the island's bus services from April 2009. Weekday improvements which the Council was expected to pay for were provided at no additional cost but with the proviso that Sunday services were reduced slightly and the Canada Hill service withdrawn. The funding, which the Area Committee had authorised previously was then diverted to provide both an improved Sunday service and the Canada Hill service. The following table compares patronage between the former Sunday timetable and the current timetable.

<b>Bute Sunday Bus Service</b>		
	From 21st June 2009	Prior to 21st June 2010
Number of Sundays in data sample	28	24
Average number of passengers per Sunday	253	178
Passengers using Rothesay local journeys	20	10
Passengers using Ettrick Bay - Kilchattan Bay and intermediate journeys	233	168
Number of town journeys	5	4
Passengers per journey	4	3
Number of non town journeys	38	32
Passengers per journey	6	5

These figures show that to achieve the additional average increase of 75 passengers each Sunday costs £3.30. This figure is below the guideline criteria figure of £3.50 but given that this is

a fairly recent enhancement which can no longer be sustained due to budgetary constraints it is proposed to reduce the service during the summer (April to September) but improve ferry connections to and from the south of the island with the intention of maximising revenue from visitors to Mount Stuart. During the winter it is proposed to cut the service to one shift providing a service between 0915 and 1840. This would operate from October to March.

**4.5 SERVICE: Rothesay and Canada Hill, Service 488**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors

DESCRIPTION: Seasonal service operating four times a day, April to October

COST: Saving £6,617.52 per annum

COMMENTS: This is a long established seasonal service operating a circular route from Rothesay Guildford Square back to Guildford Square via Canada Hill. Because of contractual changes in 2009 it is now being funded by the amount set aside for service improvements on Bute. As a result of vigorous marketing during the past ten years the patronage had been increasing but it fell back significantly in 2009 when a total of 1,846 passengers were carried at a total cost of £6,617.52. Apart from the section over Canada Hill itself, the route duplicates other services thus reducing the number dependent on the service. Of the 1,846 passengers using the service only 37.7% (or 696 for whom the subsidy would then be £9.52 per passenger) made journeys which started or ended on the exclusive section of the route (an average of one person per journey), the remainder could have made their journeys by other services.

**4.6 SERVICE: Rothesay and Dunoon – summer Sunday, Service 479**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors

DESCRIPTION: Thrice-daily service Summer Sundays only

COST: £6,869.40 (plus an estimated £2,750 to CalMac for ferry crossings) reducing to £5,266.56 saving £1,602.84

COMMENCED: 2002

COMMENTS: Normally, the service operates from March to October to co-ordinate with the dates of the CalMac summer timetable. However, in 2009, due to budgetary constraints the season was reduced from May to September inclusive without complaint. The average number of passengers each Sunday reduced slightly between 2008 and 2009 from 67 to 63. In 2008, the last full season, all dates prior to May were below the average and of the two dates in October, one was above and one below. It is now proposed to formalise the reduced dates of operation consolidating the small saving.

4.7 The total savings which will accrue from the Bute and Cowal area will be £31,818.01 per annum but it must be borne in mind that the whole year's savings have to be achieved over a period which may only be nine months and a further paper may be necessary.

## 5. EXPERIMENTAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES in BUTE and COWAL AREA RECOMMENDED for continuation during 2010-11

### 5.1 SERVICE: **Skipness, Tarbert and Lochgilphead (Serving both the Bute and Cowal and Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay areas.) – Service 448**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors

DESCRIPTION: This service has three functions. It was originally introduced as part of other links, which together create through journeys from Rothesay to Lochgilphead and return. It also provides local links within Tarbert and in general enhances the bus service between Tarbert, Ardrishaig and Lochgilphead.

COST: £21,370.92 excluding possible inflation uplift plus an estimated amount of £5,000 to CalMac for journeys between Portavadie and Rothesay which use the Colintraive Ferry.

COMMENCED: 14<sup>th</sup> August 2000

COMMENTS: On 16<sup>th</sup> April 2006, by agreement with the Council, the contract was transferred from the previous operator, D and E Henderson of Tarbert, to West Coast Motors and a revised timetable introduced which linked some of the journeys on this service to the Tarbert Skipness service. The service has been promoted vigorously because of the journey opportunities and connections with ferries now possible. The service has also benefitted from a new bus adapted to carry cycles which was part funded by HiTRANS.

### 5.2 SERVICE: **Enhancements to Dunoon area Sunday services, Services 482, 483 (Toward) and 485 (Ardentinny)**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors

DESCRIPTION: Improvements to Sunday services on these routes.

COST: £21,310.00 for 2010 (£10,665 for each service)

COMMENCED: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2004

COMMENTS: Instead of one bus providing little more than a nominal service over both the Ardentinnny and Toward routes on a Sunday, this enhancement allows two buses to operate, one on each route. The result is that between 0800 and 1730 hours the Toward timetable is almost the same as weekdays and Saturdays and instead of four irregular journeys from Dunoon to Blairmore (with two extending to Ardentinnny) there are five journeys at regular two hourly intervals between 0900 and 1830 hours all of which extend to Glenfinart thereby serving the whole of Ardentinnny.

The original demand for the Ardentinnny service was made clear in a report commissioned by the National Park authority which involved seeking the views of residents.

The amount shown is shared equally between the two routes which are shown separately in the appendix.

### 5.3 SERVICE: **Rothesay – Kilchattan Bay**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors

DESCRIPTION: Modest improvement to the Sunday morning service.

COMMENCED: 18<sup>th</sup> April 2004

COMMENTS: This improvement, authorised in 2004, is now absorbed within the overall revised Sunday timetable in 4.4 and will be unaffected by the reduction in service. It provides access to the riding school at Kilchattan Bay and also an early Sunday morning connection from the ferry for individuals or parties walking the popular West Island Way.

**5.4 SERVICE: Bute Bus Services – Weekdays, Service 490 (Ettrick Bay, Port Bannatyne, Rothesay and Kilchattan Bay) ; Services 491 and 492 (Rothesay Town services)**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors  
 DESCRIPTION: Improvements to Bute bus services on weekdays  
 COMMENCED: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
 COST: No additional cost  
 COMMENTS: Mondays to Saturdays. The hourly service on 490 was extended from Kerrycroy to Kilchattan Bay. Rothesay town services were re-organised to form a circular route serving Ballochgoy, Barone Road, Hospital, Joint Campus and The Bush with two services an hour, one in each direction. The Area Committee had previously approved expenditure to carry out these improvements but a tender option from West Coast Motors when they won the contract to continue to provide the island’s bus services from April 2009 offered these enhancements at no additional cost but with the proviso that Sunday services were reduced slightly and the Canada Hill service withdrawn. The funding, which the Area Committee had authorised previously was then diverted to provide both an improved Sunday service (see 4.4) and the Canada Hill service (see 4.5).

**5.5 SERVICE: Dunoon – Portavadie – Rothesay – Dunoon, Services 477, 478, 479 plus Service 473 at Tighnabruaich**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors and Tighnabruaich Service Station  
 DESCRIPTION: Standardisation of timetable on these routes.  
 COST: £25,938.84 for all services  
 COMMENCED: Project approved for 2007-08 and inaugurated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009  
 COMMENTS: The initiative improves on the irregular timetable in operation formerly on these routes and gives a basic three journeys each day service Monday to Saturday providing for the first time commute to work opportunities from Rothesay and Tighnabruaich to Dunoon. The timetable is dictated by the Colintraive Rhubodach ferry timetable and thereafter, wherever it is possible, connections are made with the Tarbert ferry at Portavadie and to a lesser extent with the Gourock ferry at Dunoon. In response to a Community Council request a twice weekly local service operates around Tighnabruaich and Kames on Tuesdays and Thursdays connecting with services 477 and 478.

These services form an integrated network and have been shown combined in the appendix.

**5.6 SERVICE: Milton and Upper Kirn Route, Services 480/481**

CONTRACTOR: West Coast Motors  
 DESCRIPTION: Increased frequency and extension of route

COST: £42,999.96

COMMENCED: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008

COMMENTS: The service was extended to Hunters Quay Holiday Village and the frequency increased to half hourly throughout the whole route. As can be ascertained from the appendix the enhancement has performed well with patronage up 52.2% since 2007, the subsidy per passenger only £0.46 and the Council funding sitting at 57.2% of the total income before concessionary compensation is taken into account.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Policy – Consistent with maintaining public transport services in line with Council budgetary requirements.

6.2 Financial – Achieves part of the savings required by budgetary constraints for 2010-11

6.3 Personnel – None

6.4 Equal Opportunities – None

6.5 Legal – None.

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Moya Ingram  
Strategic Transportation Manager

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Appendix to Report on Discretionary Expenditure on Public Transport Initiatives (Formerly Rural Transport Grant) 2010-11

Service	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2009									
							Passengers Carried	Additional Funding	Basic Funding using 80/20 split	Total Funding for Local Service	Subsidy per Passenger	Variance from £3.50 Criteria Figure	Fares Revenue	Concession if known	Council Funding as a percentage of Funding + Fares	Council Funding as a percentage of Funding + Fares + Concessions
Cowal Dial-a-Bus	2,414	2,848	1,665	1,959	1,660	1,613	£3,116.40	£15,245.16	£18,361.56	£11.38	225.14%	£87.70		99.52%		
484 Dunoon Carrick Castle (3)	13,652	12,462	11,931	12,653	11,987	9,654	£34,049.38	£23,423.88	£57,473.26	£5.95	70.00%	£9,566.77		85.73%		
477 478 479 Rothesay																
Portavadie Dunoon Rothesay	27,131	18,615	12,067	12,142	16,781	19,197	£25,938.84	£56,830.61	£82,769.45	£4.31	23.14%	£15,658.61		84.09%		
474 473 Tighnabruich local (3)																
478 Tarbert Lochgilphead	7,721	6,914	8,133	8,827	11,121	10,617	£21,370.92	£20,766.24	£42,137.16	£3.97	13.43%	£5,612.80		88.25%		
479 Rothesay Dunoon Sundays	1,496	1,833	1,498	2,163	1,995	1,393	£5,037.55		£5,037.55	£3.62	3.43%	£797.60		86.33%		
488 Canada Hill	1,834	2,096	2,184	2,861	3,373	1,846	£0.00	£6,617.52	£6,617.52	£3.58	2.29%	£847.13	£687.83	88.65%	81.17%	
493 Bute Sunday services (1)	Figures aggregated with weekday service until 2009						£12,870.60	Additional funding only		£3.30	-5.71%					
482 483 Dunoon Toward (2)		4,683	5,478	5,529	5,786	5,763	£10,655.00	Additional funding only		£1.85	-47.14%	£3,611.77				
485 Dunoon Ardentinny (2)		5,078	6,274	5,448	6,326	6,090	£10,656.00	Additional funding only		£1.75	-50.00%	£4,359.89				
480 Dunoon Hunters Quay (3)	61,233	63,960	63,037	63,037	83,290	95,952	£42,999.96	£1,480.28	£44,480.24	£0.46	-86.86%	£33,285.68		57.20%		
490 Eitrick Bay Kilchattan Bay (3)	163,231	136,960	112,147	109,631	114,574	115,959	£0.00	£40,484.28	£40,484.28	£0.35	-90.00%	£55,436.89		42.21%		
491 492 Rothesay Town Servs (3)	52,676	42,102	35,936	34,948	33,019	39,914	£0.00	£14,128.08	£14,128.08	£0.35	-90.00%	£10,672.97		56.97%		

Notes: 1. Until June 2009 Bute Sunday services statistics were included with weekday services and it has not been possible to disaggregate these.

2. Dunoon Sunday services are part of contracts for routes which include school journeys and weekday services. It has not been possible to disaggregate Sunday costs from the main contracts.

3. Due to change of contractor in April 2004 the passenger figures for 2004 and part of 2005 may contain entitled school pupils who should not normally be counted as passengers.

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**ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL  
COMMUNITY REGENERATION**

**BUTE & COWAL  
AREA COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS MEETING  
April 2010**

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**Bute & Cowal Headstone Report**

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**1. BACKGROUND**

In light of 3 fatalities within graveyards in England from 1991 inc: a 9 year old girl and 6 year old boy, Council's were forced to take action to ensure that headstones were inspected and made safe, A programme of inspecting and lowering of dangerous headstones commenced in Argyll & Bute cemeteries in 1997. These actions were seen as a priority by the Council as it was noted that on the 3 occasions of the fatalities within cemeteries it was the local authority who was prosecuted by the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) as the Burial Authority and not the lair owner who is responsible for the upkeep of their headstone.

Letters were subsequently sent out to lair owners who could be identified (a large number of lair owners could not be traced) advising that the lowering of headstones was carried out in light of HSE reports on the fatalities in England.

The decision to refrain from lowering headstones was made by the Director of Roads & Amenity Services after pressure from both members of the public and Council members in 2007.

Funding for headstone re-erection was provided in 2008/09 to allow in-house operatives to carry out repairs with 2 additional staff deployed to assist in the programme in B&C. This funding has been used up and in B&C we are carrying out repairs (re-erecting) during winter months with in-house staff when possible.

Headstone permissions by A&BC since the year 2000 have insisted on securing headstones to foundations by means of metal dowels (see attached detail), inspections have shown that some more recent headstones have not been erected in accordance by NAMM (National Association of Monumental Masons) regulations, these have been reported to the lair owner and letters sent out to the offending Companies to make good.

A large number of Headstones in the Bute and Cowal area are still deemed to be dangerous and a recent round of inspections highlights these numbers as below.

Where a headstone is found to be loose on initial inspection, a topple testing device that allows pressure up to 35kg to be exerted will be used, normally headstones that are loose will not require this amount of pressure to be used before movement is noticeable. (See attached photos)

**2. UPDATE**

**2.1 COWAL AREA to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2010**

- **Dunoon Cemetery:** (2749) re-erected to date, to be repaired (551) laid down
- \* **Cowal Cemetery:** (250) re-erected to date, all repairs completed.
- \* **Inverchaolain Cemetery:** (100) re-erected to date, all repairs completed.
- **Kilmun Cemetery:** (240) re-erected to date, (100) still to be repaired, laid down, top tier only, slope created safety issues with gantry equipment. Mechanical equipment would be required to complete this section.
- **Lochgoilhead Cemetery:** No repairs to date (65) still to be repaired, standing.
- **Cairndow *Kilmorich* Cemetery:** No repairs to date (38) still to be repaired, standing.
- **Strachur Cemetery:** No repairs to date (116) still to be repaired standing.
- **Strathlachlan Cemetery:** No repairs to date (14) still to be repaired 3 have fallen down.
- **Glendaruel *Kilmodan* Cemetery:** No repairs to date (74) still to be repaired, standing.
- **Colintraive Cemetery:** No repairs to date (9) still to be repaired, standing.
- **Millhouse Cemetery:** No repairs to date (232) still to be repaired, standing.
- **Kilbride Cemetery:** No repairs to date, numbers requiring repairs to be confirmed.

## 2.2 BUTE AREA to Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Mar 2010

- **Kingarth cemetery:** (27) re-erected to date, (94) still to be repaired, standing. (21) To be repaired laid down.
- **Barone Cemetery:** No repairs to date (151) still to be repaired, standing.
- **North Bute *Croc an Raer* Cemetery:** (145) re-erected to date, still to be repaired (209) standing.
- **Rothsay *Townhead* Cemetery:** (252) re-erected to date, (386) still to be repaired standing, (150) still to be repaired, laid down.

2.3 Given the large numbers of headstones still to be repaired within the Bute & Cowal cemeteries it is clear that the headstone project requires more funding to continue with the programme, where we are finding headstones that are loose, we will endeavour to contact families where possible to advise them of the condition of their headstone.

2.4 It should be noted that the council's current position on this matter is to record lair details of dangerous headstones and advise public of dangers via a sign at cemetery gates.

2.5 A large number of the headstones are of the older / larger type that makes them a higher risk to the public. (see attached photos) taken at Strachur Cemetery.

2.6 In the past, the decision to close cemeteries in light of safety concerns was overruled on the back of strong opposition from the public and by members, Given the serious concerns regarding the larger type headstone I would suggest this issue is investigated fully by our Health & Safety Section and a best solution found to ensure our cemeteries are made safe for both the public and our operatives.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to:-

3.1 Note the content of this report

### **4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 Risk to public and operatives within our cemeteries to be addressed.

### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Policy</b>	Departmental Health and Safety Policy
<b>Financial</b>	Funding to continue programme of works
<b>Personnel</b>	Safety of operatives and public
<b>Equal Opportunities</b>	None
<b>Legal</b>	Litigation in case of injury / fatality

**Allan Macdonald**  
**Bute and Cowal Streetscene Manager**  
**18<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

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**Stewart Turner: Head of Roads & Amenity Services**

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## HEADSTONE FIXING DETAIL

All details and workmanship to be in accordance with NAMM Code of Working Practice - 2005

Maximum overall height on individual found - 1.25m;  
On strip found ~ 1.6m

Stainless steel rod, threaded or notched fixed with cement 200mm long 16mm dia [20mm if plinth + plate exceeds 900mm height]. Rod set equally in foundation and plinth

Stainless steel rod, threaded or notched fixed with cement 200mm long 16mm dia [20mm if plinth + plate exceeds 900mm height]. Rod set equally in plinth and plate

Lair number to be engraved on plinth

Max 50mm above ground level

25 - 50mm below ground level

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150mm

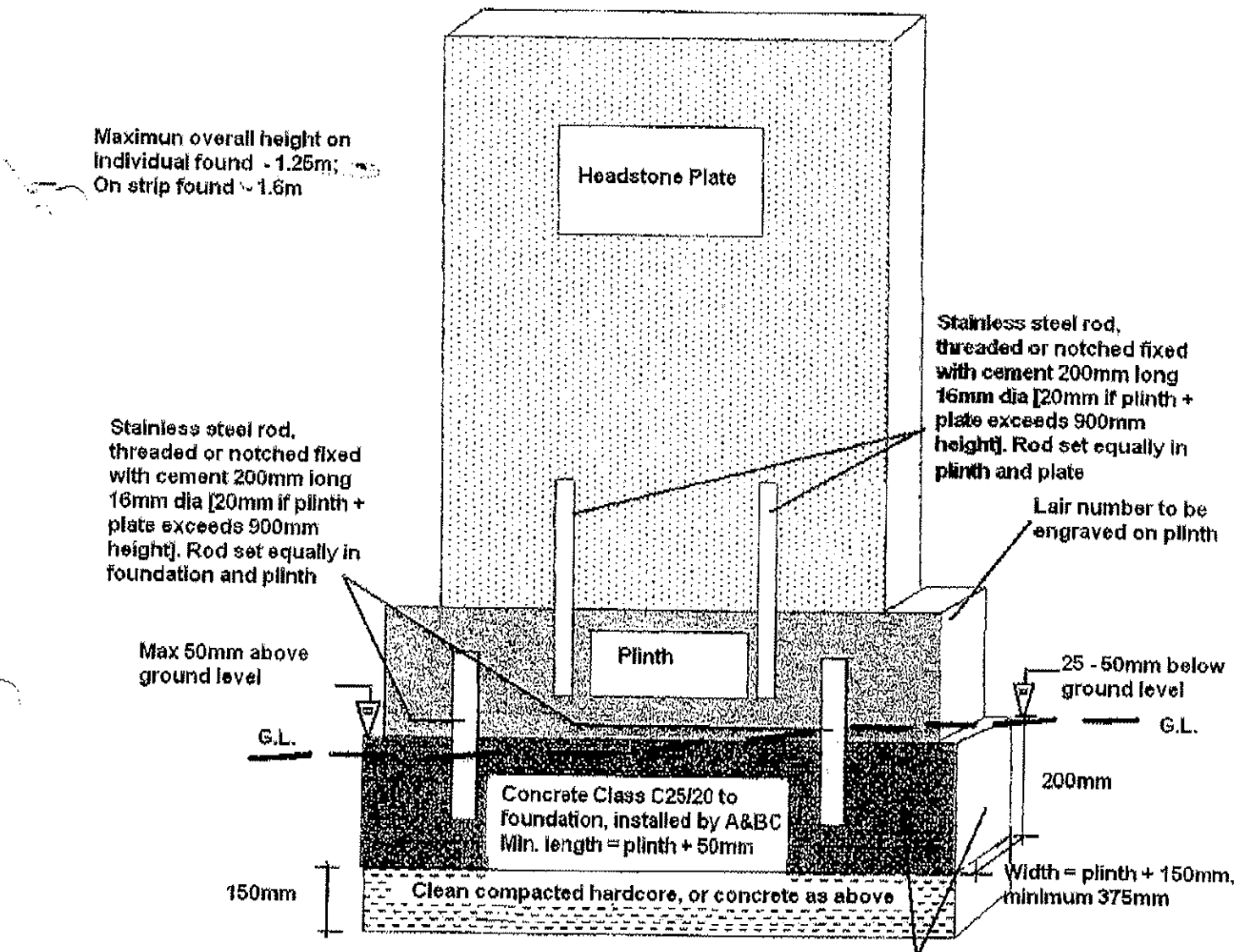
200mm

Concrete Class C25/20 to foundation, installed by A&BC  
Min. length = plinth + 50mm

Clean compacted hardcore, or concrete as above

Width = plinth + 150mm, minimum 375mm

Concrete cast against soil face.  
Excavations neatly squared over full depth.  
Where found is less than 25mm below GL or above, the upper edges shall be formed with clean and straight timber formwork





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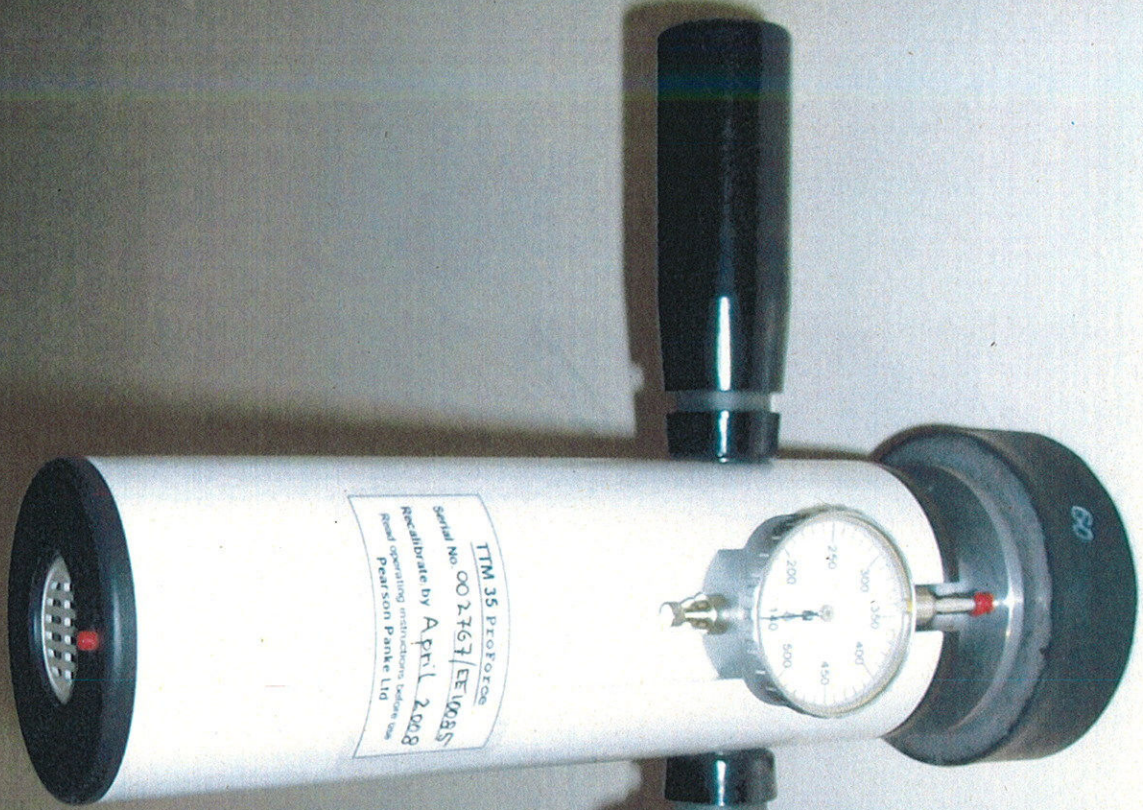














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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL****BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****6 April 2010**

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**MILTON BURN FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEME**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to advise on the status of the project.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the contents of the report are noted.

**3. DETAILS**

It is intended to invite tenders for the project in April 2010. Access to the supermarket has yet to be agreed and therefore a decision will have to be taken, in mid April at the latest, to either include or exclude the supermarket chamber works. This will depend on whether it is expected that the date of entry to the car park will be agreed before the expected tender return time of the end of May. The intention is to get as much of the works constructed as soon as land deals will allow.

If entry to the supermarket ground is expected to be granted then the tender will include for the works in this area – chamber plus river training walls upstream, together with the pipe below John Street. If it is expected that entry will not be cleared, then the tender will include for the pipe below John Street and the remaining river works will be completed as soon as entry allows thereafter.

The works in John Street would take about 8 months and the supermarket chamber about 5 months. These could be done concurrently, if access to the necessary ground was available. There are about 7 months of works to complete the training walls upstream of the supermarket. These could be done concurrently with the chamber/John Street constructions.

Estates colleagues have been in almost weekly contact with the supermarket seeking a meeting to discuss the proposals. So far only telephone discussions have taken place about how the proposals affect the supermarket and they have indicated that January/February is their preferred time for any disruption to the car park.

There are other agreements, consents and licences required from various authorities relating to the new pipe outfall to the beach and also for public utility alterations which would require to be obtained before a tender could be accepted and consultations with these authorities is ongoing.

Name            Arthur McCulloch  
Job Title        Principal Engineer  
Date             25 March 2010

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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL****BUTE & COWAL BUSINESS DAY****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****2010**

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**KILBRIDE ROAD FOOTWAY**

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**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report was to try and identify a suitable footway/walkway for pedestrians.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 "That Members note the report and accept the current situation of pedestrians walking along the edge of the carriageway with the appropriate signage erected at either end of the section."

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Kilbride Road is a back road in Dunoon utilised by both motorists and pedestrians, there is a pedestrian access to Bishops Glen nearby. The existing footway to the south of the bridge was always very narrow but it was necessary prohibit its use due to erosion. Currently signage has been erected advising all road users that there is no footway available and pedestrians may be on the carriageway. There have been no reports received regarding any incidents due to lack of a footway at this location.

**4. DETAILS**

4.1 Various options have been investigated at this location that may improve the current situation, partly due the footway being closed and the lack of footway over Kilbride Bridge to the north.

**4.2 OPTIONS INVESTIGATED (none suitable after review)**

1. Provide a walkway and a controlled pedestrian crossing point.
2. Provide controlled pedestrian crossing point near the bridge.
3. Pedestrian walkways and additional priority signs at passing places for vehicles
4. Pedestrian walkways and Give and Take at passing places for vehicles.

4.3 The section of road to the north of the bridge where no footway previously existed was included in the above consideration. One proposal to provide a footway / walkway from "Burnbank" at the north to tie in with the MAAS barrier system near Crochan Road would reduce the road to one lane. This area was previously subject to a proposal of a "twenty's plenty" advisory speed restriction but failed to attract sufficient local support. If the road is reduced in width as described it would be necessary to promote a traffic order to introduce a one way system between Burnbank and the quarry entrance.

The physical factors affecting any proposals are the available width of road and forward visibility. The width of the road will not support 2 lanes of vehicular traffic and footway, the overall minimum requirement being 7m. The actual widths range from 4.7m on the bridge to approx 6 m at the wider sections.

Due to the geometry of the road the forward visibility is poor for both pedestrians and motorists and any change in alignment could potentially lead to situations where motorists are directed towards the centre of the road and oncoming traffic.

## 5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Members are asked to accept the current situation of pedestrians walking along the edge of the carriageway with the appropriate signage erected at either end of this section of road. Given the volumes of traffic and numbers of pedestrians this is considered as a low risk solution. Any scheme requiring civil engineering works would be expensive; there is currently no budget provision for such a scheme.

## 6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1	Policy	None
6.2	Financial	N/A.
6.3	Personnel	Significant officer time has been required to develop this project to this stage.
6.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None.
6.5	Legal	None

For further information, please contact Bill Weston  
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**ARGYLL & BUTE COUNCIL**
**BUTE & COWAL AREA COMMITTEE****OPERATIONAL SERVICES****6 APRIL 2010**


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**SCOTTISH WATER**


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**1. SUMMARY**

The information contained in this report relates to inspections of Scottish Water sites.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Area Committee are asked to:

1. Note the contents of this Report.

**3. DETAILS**

This report has been prepared as a result of a meeting between Scottish Water and the Leader of Argyll and Bute Council and other Bute and Cowal elected Members. The purpose of the meeting was to highlight concerns about Scottish Water's operations in the Bute and Cowal area.

Total number of Inspections completed since 1 April 2009	43
Number of inspections due to 31 March 2010. System generated.	0
Number of defects inspections charged to Scottish Water from area over last 2 months.	0
Number of defects repaired by Scottish Water.	0 defective apparatus 100 urgent or emergency
Who repaired the defects	Not Argyll and Bute Council
No of defects repaired and recharged to Scottish Water by Argyll and Bute Council	0

**4. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 4.1 | Policy    | None.  |
| 4.2 | Financial | None: Costs recovered via the agreed sample inspections. |
| 4.3 | Personnel | None   |

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| 4.4 | Equalities Impact<br>Assessment | None |
| 4.5 | Legal                           | None |

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19 March 2010